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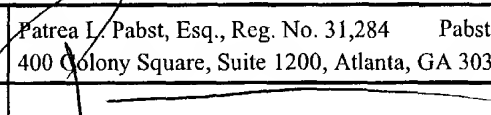
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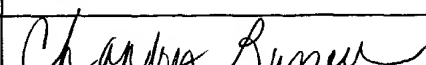
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION
FOR SUPERVISORY REVIEW BY THE COMMISSIONER**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 9, 2004, and further to the decision on Petition dated August 6, 2004, please consider the following petition. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner exercise supervisory authority in the prosecution of the pending application, as allowed under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)(3). Specifically, the Applicant requests that the Commissioner review the Examiner's assertions for denying applicant's right of priority to parent applications 09/201,945 and 08/637,759. With regard to the issues raised by the examiner relating to the 09/201,945 and 08/637,759 priority applications, the applicant disagrees with the examiner's assertions. *This application is a continuation of*

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09/201,945 and 08/637,759 filed under 35 U.S.C. 120 – accordingly, the specification and claims of the priority applications is identical to the specification and claims of the present application as originally filed. While the examiner can question the enablement of the specification of the claims on appeal, he cannot deny priority since the specifications are identical.

Each of 09/201,945 and 08/637,759, as well as the present application, satisfy the priority, written description, enablement and clarity requirements, as discussed in more detail below. The claims are drawn to identifying a mutant microorganism having a reduced adaptation to a particular environment. It is not important to the operation of the method how the mutant microorganisms are generated provided that each mutant microorganism originally contains a different marker sequence which can be used to track the fate of the mutant microorganism in the particular environment. The term “marker sequence” is a DNA sequence that marks the mutant (and each different mutant is marked with a different marker sequence in order to follow the fate of each mutant in the particular environment). A plurality of mutants are introduced into a particular environment and allowed to grow, if they are able to do so. The microorganisms are retrieved from the environment; and individual mutants are selected having a reduced capacity to proliferate in the particular environment. This selection is based upon comparing marker sequences, if any, in the nucleic acid present in the retrieved microorganisms to the different marker sequences present in the microorganisms originally introduced into the environment.

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The specification states “it will be appreciated that although transposons are convenient for insertionally inactivating a gene, any other known method, or method developed in the future may be used” at page 11, lines 10-12. This statement, for example, is clear support for making mutants using any suitable means, and not just through the use of transposons. Furthermore, page 11, lines 12 to 17 discuss “insertion-duplication mutagenesis”; page 11, lines 19 to 26 refer to the use of DNA fragments or plasmids; and page 11, lines 28 to 30 refer to the use of Ty elements and ribosomal DNA in yeast. It is perfectly clear that the claimed methods are not limited to the use of transposons and transposon-like elements.

The Commissioner is respectfully referred to page 12, lines 3 and 4, wherein the purpose of introducing a marker sequence into the genome of the microorganism such that “each mutant contains a different marker sequence.” This is exactly what is in claim 57, step (a):

“(a) providing a plurality of mutant microorganisms wherein each mutant contains a different marker sequence.”

The specification, as indicated above, makes it plain that such mutants may be made using any suitable means, and not just through the use of transposons.

Step (d) requires the comparison of the unique tag sequences (i.e. the different marker sequences, if any) in surviving microorganisms with the tags of the plurality of mutant microorganisms introduced into the particular environment (i.e. those of step (a) of the method). It is those individual mutants having a reduced capacity to proliferate in the particular

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environment which are selected. This is described at page 4, lines 20 and 21, where it is noted that the method uses negative selection to identify microorganisms with a reduced capacity to proliferate in the environment. The present claims are properly based on subject matter present in the original applications.

In denying applicant's claim to priority, the examiner has requested a new **oath/declaration** omitting the priority claim. This is clearly improper since the application is fully entitled to priority and the examiner does not have the right to refuse applicant the right to claim priority in a continuation application filed under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of priority for the present application and claims to parent applications 09/201,945 and 08/637,759.

Respectfully submitted,



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